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Vitter Calls for Investigation of EPA Mining Raid (Daily Environment Report, 10-23-13)

Oct. 22 — Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) called on the Justice Department Oct. 22 to investigate an Environmental Protection Agency raid on a gold mine near Fortymile National Wild and Scenic River in Alaska. The raid was carried out by the EPA, the Bureau of Land Management and other federal and Alaskan agencies that were looking for violations of Clean Water Act dredge-and-fill permits. The EPA action did not result in arrests or citations. In an Oct. 22 letter, Vitter told Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. that the DOJ should investigate the “excessive actions” of the EPA, saying the public deserves an explanation. Vitter asked the department to investigate several aspects of the raid, including why the EPA used “advanced tactics,” including being armed with weapons; if and how DOJ monitors EPA’s use of armed enforcement agents; and if it is DOJ’s position that EPA’s criminal enforcement equates to other forms of federal law enforcement. The Oct. 22 letter is available at <http://1.usa.gov/1bboaLz>.

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